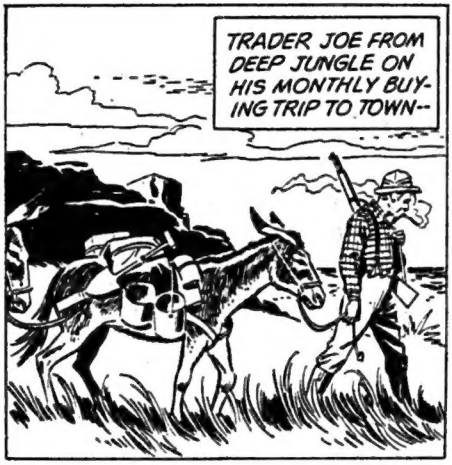
TRADER JOE FROM DEEP JUNGLE ON HIS MONTHLY BUYING TRIP TO TOWN--

BEEN TO THE WHOLESALERS, JOE?
NOPE. HAD TO WET ME WHISTLE FIRST, SHORTY. HAD A LONG, DRY TRIP--

YOU GOT A SURPRISE COMING. PRICES ARE WAY UP.
YEAH? WHY?
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SOME FOOLS TALK TOO MUCH-- MEANING YOU!
UH-!
BEGINNING: THE "WHARF RATS."

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT? A GUY SAYS PRICES WENT UP--ANOTHER GUY SOCKS HIM--
BAR & GRILL
TALK & PARRY 6-19

HELLO, JOE, HAVE A GOOD TRIP IN FROM THE WOODS?
NOT BAD, PETERS. GOT MY USUAL ORDER READY?
WAREHOUSE

YUP. ALL READY. THERE IT IS--AND THERE'S YOUR BILL.
HEY--WHAT'S THIS? TWICE AS MUCH--FOR THE SAME STUFF I GET EVERY MONTH!

TRADER JOE-- FROM THE JUNGLE--
HOW COULD EVERYTHING BE DOUBLE THE PRICE IT WAS LAST MONTH?
UH--THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, JOE.
TALK & PARRY 6-20

I CAN'T PAY THOSE PRICES. THAT MEANS I GOT TO CHARGE THE JUNGLE FOLK DOUBLE--
SORRY --JOE--

LOOK, BUB--NOBODY SAYS YOU GOT TO BUY HERE.
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
PETERS, WHAT IS THIS? I BEEN A CUSTOMER HERE FOR YEARS!
PETERS & SON

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ROUGHNECKS ARE--TELLING ME HOW TO RUN MY BUSINESS!
WE'RE TELLING YOU--
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--PAY THE PRICE--OR BEAT IT!
!?

WELL--I GOT TO HAVE GOODS FOR MY TRADING POST--

HERE YOU ARE, PETERS. SINCE WHEN DO YOU SELL AT THE POINT OF GUN?
UH--SORRY, JOE.

CASH IS SCARCE IN DEEP JUNGLE--GOODS ARE BOUGHT BY ANCIENT BARTER SYSTEM--
JOE'S TRADING POST
TALK & PARRY 6-22

SORRY, UGA, ONLY HALF AS MUCH SEED THIS TIME FOR YOUR CHICKENS.
?

BUT MAMA TOLD ME TO SWAP OUR GOAT FOR TWO BOLTS OF CLOTH! WE ALWAYS GET TWO
SON, I'M SORRY--
LOOK--ALL OF YOU--THIS ISN'T MY FAULT--HOW CAN I EXPLAIN IT TO YOU?

BUT--MAMA EXPECTS ME TO SELL GOAT FOR TWO BOLTS OF CLOTH--SHE MAKES DRESSES--
SON--I'M SORRY--

I'M AFRAID TO GO TO MAMA WITH THIS--SHE CAN'T MAKE ENOUGH DRESSES--TO FEED US--FOR A MONTH--

I'M AFRAID TO GO HOME--THEY'LL THINK I WAS DUMB--OR THAT I LOST THE OTHER ONE--
TALK & PARRY 6-23

?!
(SOB-SOB-SOB)

WHY ARE YOU CRYING, SONNY?
SOB-SOB -SOB--

HE'S NEVER SEEN THE PHANTOM BEFORE --
GHOST-- WHO WALKS--!

--BUT HE'S HEARD PLENTY!
WAIT-- WAIT--
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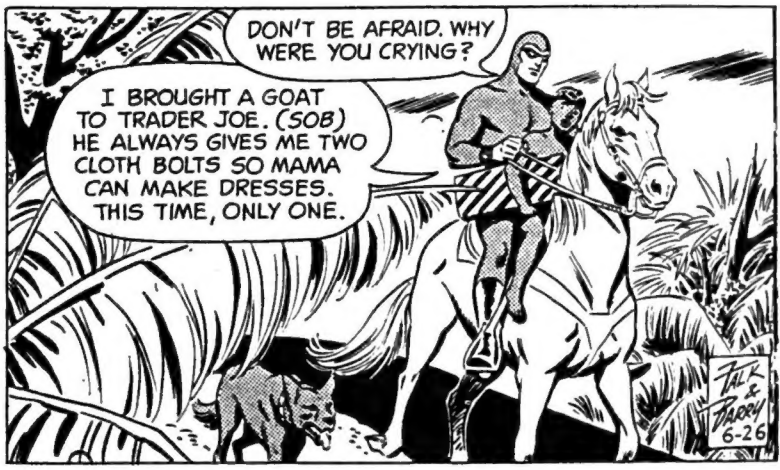
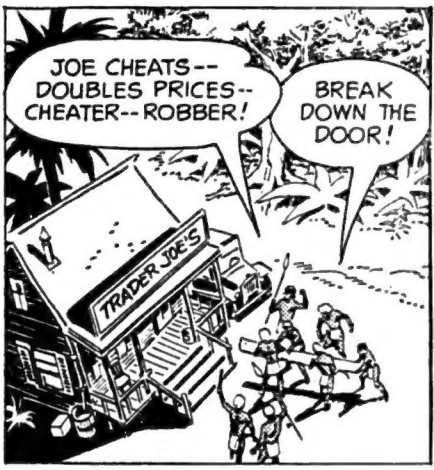
E-YOW!


DON'T BE AFRAID. WHY WERE YOU CRYING?
I BROUGHT A GOAT TO TRADER JOE. (SOB) HE ALWAYS GIVES ME TWO CLOTH BOLTS SO MAMA CAN MAKE DRESSES. THIS TIME, ONLY ONE.
TALK & TARRY 6-26

I WAS AFRAID TO GO HOME.
NO WONDER. WE'LL HAVE A TALK WITH TRADER JOE.

MEANWHILE, JOE'S HAVING HIS TROUBLES--
YOU CHARGE US DOUBLE SINCE YESTERDAY! YOU CHEAT!
NOW, WAIT A MINUTE--


JOE CHEATS-- DOUBLES PRICES-- CHEATER--ROBBER!
BREAK DOWN THE DOOR!
TRADER JOE'S

'TAIN'T MY FAULT! CLEAR OUT OR I'LL FILL YOU FULLA BUCKSHOT! PUT DOWN THAT LOG!

BREAK DOWN-- WHOLE BUILDING!
?
TRADER JOE'S
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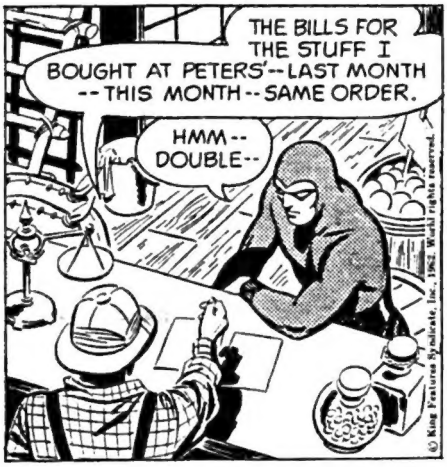
TRADER JOE CHEATS--
!
SINCE YESTERDAY --PRICES DOUBLE--
HALF THE GRAIN FOR MY HENS!
HALF THE HENS FOR MY GRAIN!
TALK & PARRY 6-28

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, JOE?
NOT MY FAULT. LAST WEEK I WENT TO TOWN FOR MY USUAL ORDER -- AT PETERS'--

"THEY PULLED A GUN ON ME!"
BUT-- EVERYTHING'S DOUBLE--!
PAY THE PRICE--OR BEAT IT!


THE BILLS FOR THE STUFF I BOUGHT AT PETERS'--LAST MONTH --THIS MONTH--SAME ORDER.
HMM-- DOUBLE--
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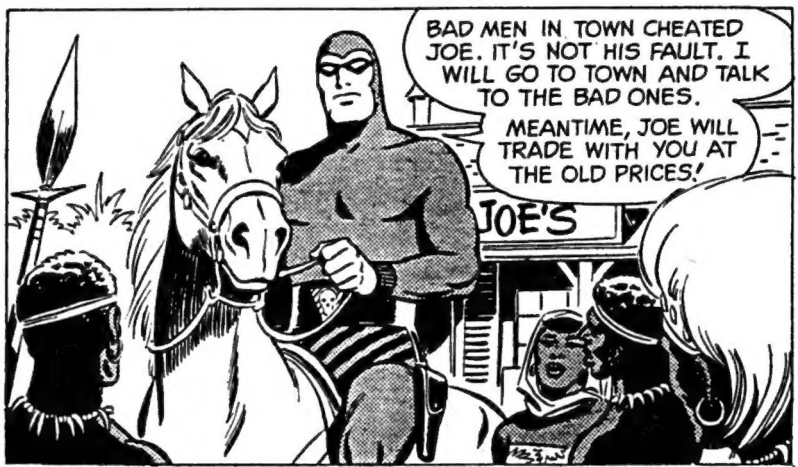
DONE BUSINESS WITH PETERS FOR YEARS. HE'S HONEST. DON'T KNOW WHO THE GUNMEN WERE.
WE'LL FIND OUT.

GIVE THE JUNGLEFOLK THEIR USUAL BARTER --LAST MONTH'S PRICES.
IF I DO THAT-- I'LL BE RUINED!
TALK & PARRY 6-29

NO, I'LL SEE PETERS. WE DON'T LIKE GANGSTERS IN THE JUNGLE!

HERE YOU ARE, SONNY, TWO BOLTS AS USUAL.
UH--I'M LOSING MONEY EVERY MINUTE I STAND HERE!
TALK & PARRY 6-30


BAD MEN IN TOWN CHEATED JOE. IT'S NOT HIS FAULT. I WILL GO TO TOWN AND TALK TO THE BAD ONES.
MEANTIME, JOE WILL TRADE WITH YOU AT THE OLD PRICES!
JOE'S

WHEN PHANTOM SAYS--WILL HAVE A TALK-- LOOK OUT, BAD MEN IN THE TOWN!

THERE ARE TIMES, THE NATIVES SAY, WHEN THE PHANTOM LEAVES THE JUNGLE--
TALK & BARRY 7-2

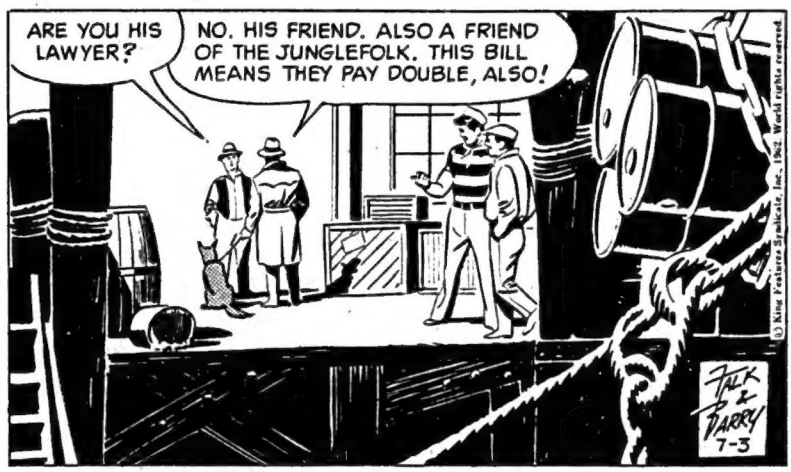
--AND WALKS THE STREETS OF THE TOWN AS AN ORDINARY MAN.

THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.
ANOTHER CUSTOMER.

ANOTHER SUCKER.

YES, I'M PETERS.
I'M A FRIEND OF TRADER JOE, OF THE JUNGLE TRADING POST.

I CAME ABOUT THESE BILLS. YOU DOUBLED HIS PRICES SINCE LAST MONTH.
WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF YOURS?


ARE YOU HIS LAWYER?
NO. HIS FRIEND. ALSO A FRIEND OF THE JUNGLEFOLK. THIS BILL MEANS THEY PAY DOUBLE, ALSO!
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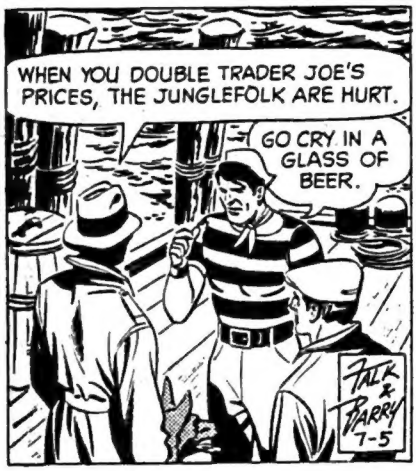
JOE DOESN'T HAVE TO BUY HERE.
THERE'S NO PLACE ELSE TO BUY THESE STAPLES. YOU KNOW THAT.

WHY YOU STICKING YOUR NOSE INTO THIS, BUDDY?
?

YOU TRADER JOE'S PARTNER?
NO. SINCE YOU WERE LISTENING, YOU HEARD ME. I'M HIS FRIEND.
GET LOST, "FRIEND," BEFORE YOU GET BANGED UP!
TALK & BARRY 7-4


WHEN YOU DOUBLE TRADER JOE'S PRICES, THE JUNGLEFOLK ARE HURT.
GO CRY IN A GLASS OF BEER.
TALK & BARRY 7-5

WE HEARD YOU. NOW BEAT IT.
I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I KNOW WHY THE PRICES WERE DOUBLED OVERNIGHT!

GET OUT OF TOWN, BUDDY!
WHILE YOU CAN STILL WALK!
TALK & BARRY 7-6

DO WE HAVE TO GET ROUGH WITH YOU, BUDDY?
STAY, DEVIL.
ARE THESE "GENTLEMEN" YOUR PARTNERS, PETERS?
UH!

BUTTON UP AND CLEAR OUT!

SUDDENLY--LIKE LIGHTNING--

YEOW!
"THE PHANTOM IN A FURY IS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD." --OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

UH-!
TALK & BARRY 7-7

INCREDIBLE--THEY WERE BOTH ARMED! BUT--YOU DID A FOOLISH THING--THEY'RE DANGEROUS--!
NOT AT THE MOMENT. I CAME TO TALK ABOUT THOSE BILLS, PETERS. NOW LET'S TALK!

DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES. PART OF A GANG WE CALL THE WHARF RATS -- ARE THEY --ALIVE?
YES. RESTING.
TALK & TARRY 7-9

YOU ASKED ME WHY MY PRICES DOUBLED OVERNIGHT. I'LL TELL YOU. THEY VISITED ME A MONTH AGO...

RICKETY WAREHOUSE YOU GOT HERE. FIRE HAZARD. YOU NEED FIRE PROTECTION.
I'VE GOT INSURANCE. I PASS INSPECTION.

YOU NEED PROTECTION. WE SELL IT. WE'LL BE BACK. YOU'LL BUY.
?

"THE WHARF RATS VISITED EVERY-ONE ON THE DOCK."
YOU NEED MORE FIRE PROTECTION, MR. LOW.
I'VE GOT ALL I NEED.

"--INCLUDING MY OLD FRIEND AL."
WHAT'RE THEY UP TO, AL?
WHO KNOWS, PETERS? I THREW THEM OUT.
'S CAFE

"BUT THAT NIGHT -- AT AL'S PLACE--"
AL -- DID THEY START THIS?
NO PROOF -- I'M RUINED--!
TALK & TARRY 7-10

THAT'S WHAT'S LEFT OF AL'S PLACE. NOTHING--
THE "WHARF RATS" BURNED IT DOWN?
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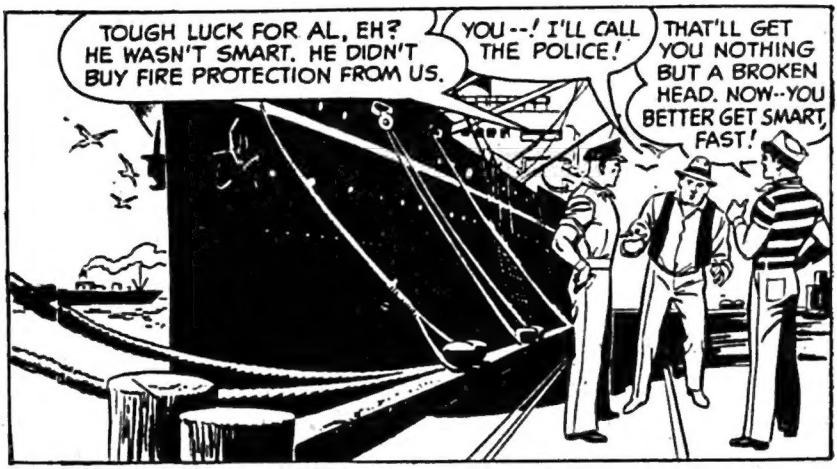
NO PROOF. BUT THE NEXT NIGHT -- WHILE IT WAS STILL SMOKING -- THEY CAME BACK.


TOUGH LUCK FOR AL, EH? HE WASN'T SMART. HE DIDN'T BUY FIRE PROTECTION FROM US.
YOU --! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
THAT'LL GET YOU NOTHING BUT A BROKEN HEAD. NOW--YOU BETTER GET SMART, FAST!

"THERE WAS ANOTHER FIRE ON THE WHARF A WEEK LATER--"
TALK & BARRY 7-12

"I GAVE IN--"
WANT TO BUY OUR FIRE PROTECTION, MR. PETERS?
LAST CHANCE, MR. PETERS.

THAT'S HOW MUCH BUSINESS YOU DO A MONTH?
THAT'S HOW MUCH OUR PROTECTION COSTS A MONTH.
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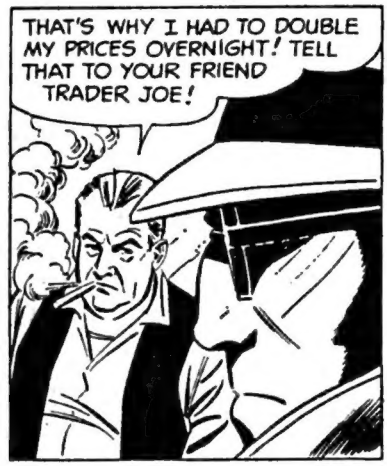

THAT'S WHY I HAD TO DOUBLE MY PRICES OVERNIGHT! TELL THAT TO YOUR FRIEND TRADER JOE!

"THE WHARF RATS ALSO VISITED THE SHOPS."
!
SHOP
TOO BAD. YOU BETTER BUY PROTECTION FROM US.
"THE MERCHANT HAD THEM ARRESTED --NO EVIDENCE--"
I GOT AN ALIBI--A GOOD ONE.
"AS FOR THE MERCHANT --THE NEXT NIGHT-- AGAIN--NO EVIDENCE."

YOU CAN SEE--THE WHARF RATS PLAY ROUGH!
TALK & BARRY 7-13

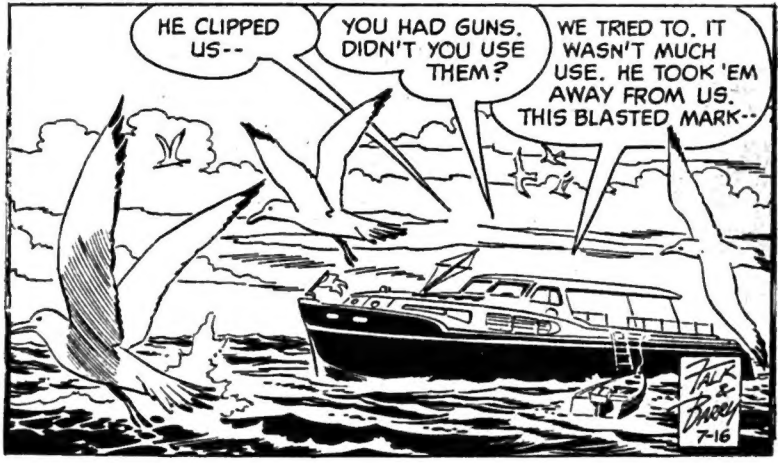
LET'S GET OUTA HERE!

THOSE TWO ARE GONE. WHERE CAN I FIND THEM?
I WOULDN'T KNOW.
TALK & BARRY 7-14

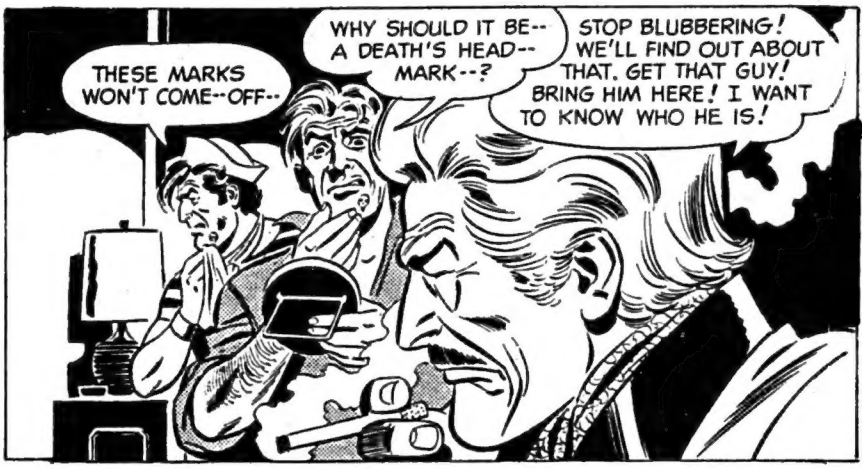
MISTER, YOU STICK YOUR NOSE INTO THIS AND YOU'LL GET YOURSELF KILLED.

"IN A LARGE CABIN OF A PALATIAL YACHT."
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO? HIT BY A TRUCK?
SOME TOUGH EGG--AT PETERS' WAREHOUSE--
?
WHAT'S THAT ON YOUR JAW? LOOKS LIKE--A SKULL! YOU TOO!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU TWO?
?!


HE CLIPPED US--
YOU HAD GUNS. DIDN'T YOU USE THEM?
WE TRIED TO. IT WASN'T MUCH USE. HE TOOK 'EM AWAY FROM US. THIS BLASTED MARK--
TALK & DARRY 7-16

AT PETERS' WAREHOUSE -- SOME GUY, FRIEND OF A JUNGLE TRADER, WAS ASKING QUESTIONS. WE WENT FOR HIM.


THESE MARKS WON'T COME--OFF--
WHY SHOULD IT BE-- A DEATH'S HEAD-- MARK--?
STOP BLUBBERING! WE'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THAT. GET THAT GUY! BRING HIM HERE! I WANT TO KNOW WHO HE IS!

WE'LL NEED-- MORE GUYS.
SHOULD WE KNOCK HIM OFF?
BRING HIM! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM HERE!

YES -- THEY PLAY ROUGH.
TALK & DARRY 7-17

WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, MISTER.
TALK & DARRY 7-18

ANYBODY HERE SELLING YOU-- PROTECTION?
UH--DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.

NOBODY'LL TALK. THEY'RE SCARED SILLY. LET'S VISIT THE POLICE. MAYBE THEY KNOW SOMETHING.
THERE HE IS.

WE'VE HEARD RUMORS OF A MOB. BUT NO EVIDENCE. THEY'RE NOT LIVING IN THIS TOWN, OR WE'D KNOW.
I'M SURE OF THAT.
TALK & BARRY 7-19

WHAT'S YOUR INTEREST IN THIS?
JUST A CURIOUS CITIZEN. THANKS, CHIEF.

THE CHIEF'S HONEST. THE GANG'S WELL COVERED. THE PROBLEM, DEVIL--
--IS TO FIND THEIR BASE OF OPERATIONS--AND THEIR LEADER.

NOW!

WOOF--
THANKS, DEVIL!
TALK & BARRY 7-20

THE PHANTOM'S IRON FIST MOVES FAST!

AS A WILD 'DOGFIGHT' BEGINS ON THE DESERTED WHARF!
UH--
GET HIM!

UMPH--

AN ANGRY BRAWL ON THE WHARF--THE PHANTOM AGAINST FOUR THUGS!
TALK & BARRY 7-21

BOSS SAID--BRING HIM BACK ALIVE--BLAST THAT! IT'S HIM--OR US!

BOSS SAID--NO GUNS. BUT IT'S HIM OR US--IF HE'D HOLD STILL A MINUTE--NOW--
ON THE WHARF--A WILD FIGHT--FOUR AGAINST ONE--

UH--!
TALK & BARRY 7-23

THANKS, DEVIL! LET GO--
DEVIL--?!

"PHANTOM IS ROUGH WITH RUFFIANS"--OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE UNDER CONTROL, DEVIL.
WE'LL LET THEM RELAX FOR A MOMENT, THEN SEE WHERE THEY GO. WE WANT THEIR BOSS.
TALK & BARRY 7-24
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UH--WHAT HAPPENED--?
UH--THAT GUY--
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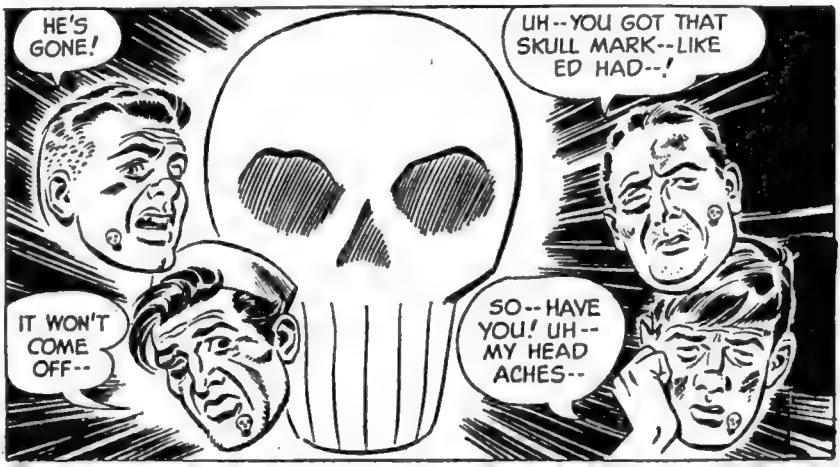
YOU GOT--A SKULL MARK ON YOUR JAW!
YOU--TOO!

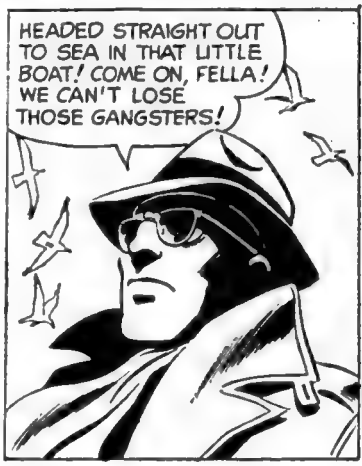

HE'S GONE!
UH--YOU GOT THAT SKULL MARK--LIKE ED HAD--!
IT WON'T COME OFF--
SO--HAVE YOU! UH--MY HEAD ACHES--

I CAN HARDLY WALK. I FEEL LIKE--I'VE BEEN THRU A CEMENT MIXER--
DO YOU GUYS HAVE TO LEAN ON ME?
COME ON!
TALK & BARRY 7-26

I'M NOT STEERING. I CAN'T EVEN SEE STRAIGHT!
UNTIE US! HURRY UP--BEFORE HE COMES BACK!

OUT TO SEA! I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT!

WHAT'LL WE TELL THE BOSS? HE'LL BE SORE.
HE'LL BE SORE? I'M BLACK AND BLUE ALL OVER!
TALK & BARRY 7-27


HEADED STRAIGHT OUT TO SEA IN THAT LITTLE BOAT! COME ON, FELLA! WE CAN'T LOSE THOSE GANGSTERS!

I WANT TO HIRE YOUR BOAT AND GO OUT TO SEA AT ONCE!
BOAT FOR HIRE
MY BOAT DOESN'T GO OUT WITHOUT ME, AND I'M BUSY. COME BACK TOMORROW!

YOUR SIGN SAYS 'BOAT FOR HIRE.'
YOU CAN READ, EH? LIKE I SAID, I'M BUSY. GET LOST, MISTER.
BOAT FOR HIRE
TALK & BARRY 7-28

"THE COLD VOICE OF ANGRY PHANTOM FREEZES BLOOD" --OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
THE NET WILL WAIT. THIS IS IMPORTANT. NOW.
UH--YES.

UH--WHERE DID YOU WANT TO FISH, MISTER?
STRAIGHT OUT TO SEA. I'M AFTER SHARK.
TWO-LEGGED ONES.

HERE COMES THE BOAT, POPSY.
GO TO YOUR CABIN, LOTTIE. THIS MAY BE ROUGH.
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WHERE IS HE? I SAID TO BRING HIM! YOU DIDN'T KILL HIM?
BOSS, IT'S LIKE THIS--
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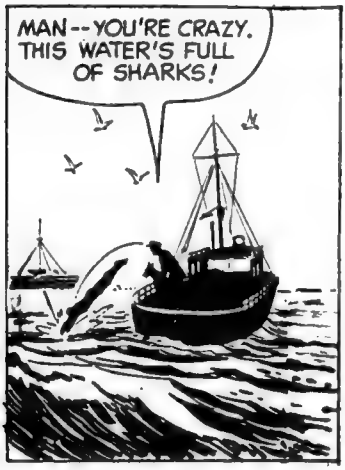
WE'LL STOP HERE.
FISHING'S NO GOOD HERE--

YOU SURE YOU WANT TO FISH? THE WATER'S NO GOOD--
I'M NOT FISHING FOR FISH--

YOU'RE NOT-- UH -- WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER MIND. TAKE MY DOG BACK TO SHORE. WAIT, DEVIL.
TALK & DARRY 7-31


MAN -- YOU'RE CRAZY. THIS WATER'S FULL OF SHARKS!

FOUR OF YOU COULDN'T HANDLE THAT GUY?
FOUR? YOU NEED AN ARMY. HE LIKE TO TORE US APART!
THESE SKULL MARKS -- WHEN HE LEFT -- HE LEFT THEM--
THEY DON'T COME OFF, BOSS--

CALL COOKIE. HE KNOWS THIS PART OF THE WORLD.
WHO IS HE?
TALK & DARRY 8-1

COOKIE, WHAT IS THIS?
PHAN-TOM!

SO IS THAT YACHT.

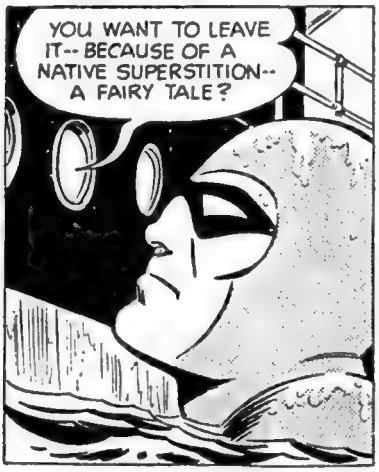
PHANTOM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, COOKIE?
GHOST-WHO-WALKS -- MAN-WHO-CANNOT-DIE -- LEAVES MARK OF SKULL--
??
RULER OF JUNGLE -- STRONGER THAN TEN TIGERS--

IF HE IS AGAINST YOU -- YOU HAVE NO HOPE -- NO CHANCE--
?
TALK & BARRY 8-2

OF ALL THE NONSENSE I EVER HEARD -- THIS BEATS EVERYTHING!

LOTTIE, I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN YOUR CABIN.
COOKIE, BACK TO YOUR GALLERY.
YES, POPSY.
BOSS -- THIS PHANTOM -- THAT WAS THE GUY WE TANGLED WITH!

LET'S STEAM UP -- AND TAKE OFF!
ARE YOU ALL CRAZY? WE'VE GOT A MILLION-DOLLAR RACKET SET UP HERE.
TALK & BARRY 8-3


YOU WANT TO LEAVE IT -- BECAUSE OF A NATIVE SUPERSTITION -- A FAIRY TALE?

TALK & BARRY 8-4

FAIRY TALE? WHAT ABOUT THESE SKULL MARKS?
WHO CARES? A TRICK! SO YOU RAN INTO A MUSCLEMAN, HIRED BY THE MERCHANTS TO SCARE US OFF.

I DON'T SCARE EASILY! WE'LL FIND THAT MUSCLEMAN AGAIN -- THIS TIME NOT WITH FISTS -- BUT WITH BULLETS!

SO BORING ON THIS BOAT-- DAY AFTER DAY-- FINALLY SOME EXCITEMENT— AND POPSY MAKES ME STAY IN MY CABIN--!

WONDER WHO HE IS THEY'RE SO AFRAID OF! COOKIE CALLED HIM "PHANTOM" --OF ALL THINGS!

WONDER IF HE'S GOOD LOOKING!
FALK & BARRY 8-6

A GOON ROUGHED YOU UP. SHOULD THAT PARALYZE MUGGS LIKE YOU?
TELL HIM, ED.
WHEN I WAS IN THE RING, I FOUGHT PLENTY OF TOUGH BOYS. NONE HIT LIKE HIM!

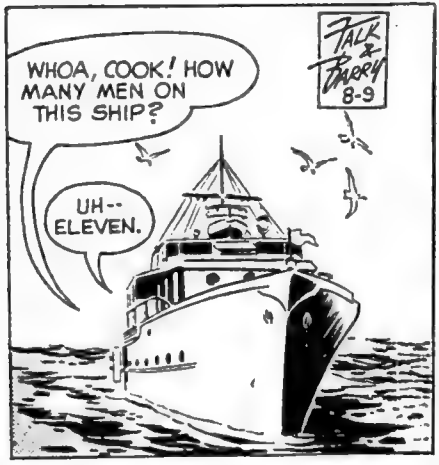
--IT'S LIKE A SLEDGE HAMMER-- AND THRU ALL THAT FIGHT--NOT A SOUND FROM HIM--
AND THIS MARK-- IT'S ALL WEIRD--!
FALK & BARRY 8-7

PHANTOM COMING HERE-- I'M GOING!

I KNEW THESE MEN WERE NOT GOOD ONES— BUT THAT'S NOT MY BUSINESS. I COOK. NO QUESTIONS.
FALK & BARRY 8-8

WHEN I SAW SKULL MARK-- MEANS PHANTOM'S COMING-- THEY ARE FINISHED--I'D BETTER GO, FAST!

NOT YET, COOK, I WANT A FEW QUESTIONS ANSWERED!
TOO-- LATE!


WHOA, COOK! HOW MANY MEN ON THIS SHIP?
UH-- ELEVEN.
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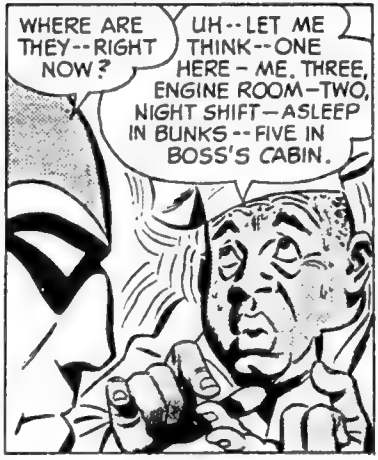

WHERE ARE THEY--RIGHT NOW?
UH--LET ME THINK--ONE HERE - ME. THREE, ENGINE ROOM-TWO, NIGHT SHIFT-ASLEEP IN BUNKS--FIVE IN BOSS'S CABIN.

YOU'RE HERE. STAY HERE.
I'M NO PART OF THIS MOB! I'M ONLY THE COOK!

KEEP IT THAT WAY.

THREE IN THE ENGINE ROOM. CHECK--

AND--THE COOK SAID-TWO OF THE NIGHT SHIFT--ASLEEP IN THEIR BUNKS--
CLICK!

CHECK--
TALK & BARRY 8-10

THAT LEAVES 5 IN THE BOSS'S CABIN--
?

TALK & BARRY 8-11

THAT MUST BE THE ONE THEY'RE SCARED OF--! NOT A SOUND--HE MOVES LIKE A BIG CAT--!

POPSY TOLD ME TO STAY IN MY CABIN! WHAT'LL I DO?

WE HAD A SOLID PROTECTION RACKET AT HOME UNTIL THE FEDS CAUGHT UP-- WANTED TO DEPORT ME--
I BEAT THEM TO IT--DEPORTED MYSELF--
FOUND THIS TOWN--PLENTY OF SHIPPING--
TALK & BARRY 8-13

SMALL-TOWN FORCE OF SLEEPY GENDARMES-- RIGHT UP OUR ALLEY--
WE PARK HERE OUTSIDE THE 3-MILE LIMIT-- THEY CAN'T TOUCH US!

THIS PHANTOM-- OR WHATEVER HE IS--*TOUCHED* US! WHAT ABOUT HIM?
SIMPLE-- WE FIND HIM! WHAT'S ONE MAN?

FIND HIM? HOW? WE DIDN'T SEE HIS FACE!
WE'LL GO WHERE YOU LAST SAW HIM. HE WORKS FOR THE MERCHANTS--HE'LL BE AROUND THE DOCK--
THIS TIME--NO JUNIOR RUMBLE WITH FISTS--
TALK & BARRY 8-14

SHOOT ON SIGHT-- WITH ENOUGH LEAD TO SINK HIM THRU THE DOCK--

IT WON'T BE NECESSARY TO FIND ME. I'M HERE.
!!!!

WELCOME ABOARD, STRANGER--

THAT'S THE WELCOME I EXPECTED.
!

ENOUGH OF THAT! ALL OF YOU DROP YOUR GUNS ON THE FLOOR. *NOW!*
WHAT A SHOT!
TALK & BARRY 8-15

THE ENGINE ROOM...
THAT WAS A SHOT!

WE'RE LOCKED IN HERE!

THE BUNK ROOM...
SOMEBODY LOCKED US IN!
?

WHO-- ARE YOU?
THAT'S WHAT I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT ABOUT YOU!
TALK & BARRY 8-16

YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THESE ANY MORE.

NOW, "GENTLEMEN"-- BE SEATED. RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.
TALK & BARRY 8-17

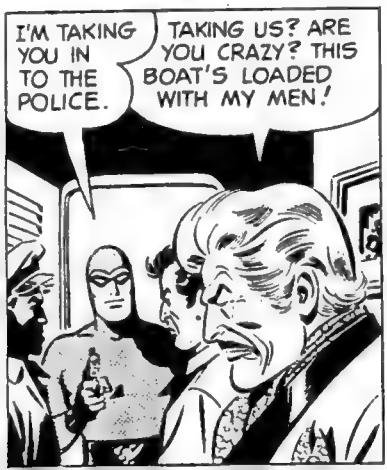
ARE YOU -- THE GUY-- WHO MANHANDLED MY BOYS?

WHAT'S THE IDEA-- OF THIS MARK?

YOU'RE MASKED! ARE YOU WITH THE LAW--OR AGAINST?

I'LL ASK THE QUESTIONS.

YOU'VE A PROTECTION RACKET WORKING AT THIS PORT THAT REACHES ALL THE WAY INTO THE JUNGLE.
TALK & BARRY 8-18


I'M TAKING YOU IN TO THE POLICE.
TAKING US? ARE YOU CRAZY? THIS BOAT'S LOADED WITH MY MEN!

I'D BETTER TELL POPSY ABOUT THAT MAN I SAW--

--AND I'D BETTER TAKE THIS-- JUST IN CASE--I RUN INTO HIM--

YOU CAN'T STEP OUT OF THIS CABIN. WE'VE GOT MEN ALL OVER THE BOAT!
TEN MEN. FIVE HERE-- THREE IN THE ENGINE ROOM—
TALK & BARRY 8-20

—TWO IN THEIR BUNKS— TEN WHARF RATS IN ALL. ALL ACCOUNTED FOR.

--PLUS YOUR COOK IN THE KITCHEN. BUT HE ASSURES ME HE'S NOT ONE OF YOU.

MASKED--TRYING TO HIJACK US. NO COP WEARS A MASK. OKAY-- WE TAKE YOU IN--PARTNERS--
NO--I'M TAKING YOU IN--TO THE POLICE. THE WHOLE BOATLOAD.
YOU'VE VICTIMIZED TOWN AND JUNGLE LONG ENOUGH.

DON'T MOVE. I'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
!
TALK & BARRY 8-21

GOOD GIRL, LOTTIE-- KEEP YOUR GUN ON HIM. SHOOT IF HE DOESN'T DROP HIS GUNS--
--BY THE TIME I COUNT THREE. ONE, TWO--
A WOMAN?

DROP YOUR GUNS-- OR I'LL SHOOT!
AM I DOING IT RIGHT, POPSY?

TALK & BARRY 8-22
DID I DO IT RIGHT, POPSY?
BABY, YOU WERE BEAUTIFUL!

WHO LOCKED THAT DOOR?
WE'VE GOT A VISITOR. GET ON DECK.
TALK & BARRY 8-23

YOU CAPTURED-- PHANTOM?!
LOTTIE DID-- WITH HER LITTLE GUN. GET ON DECK!

ALL OF YOU--HAVE A LOOK AT THIS GOON WHO SCARED THE DAYLIGHTS OUT OF YOU!

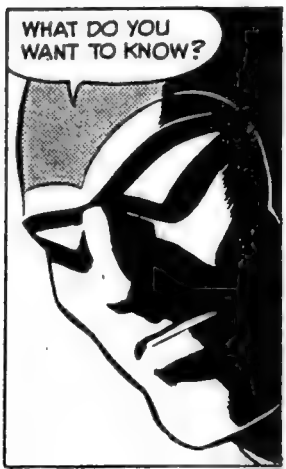
COOK--YOU TRICKED ME. YOU SAID ONLY TEN ABOARD.
OH, NO-- O GHOST WHO WALKS--!

NO, O GHOST WHO WALKS. I TOLD YOU THE TRUTH. TEN MEN. YOU DID NOT ASK ABOUT WOMAN.
WHAT IS ALL THIS GHOST BUSINESS--AND SKULL MARKS? COME HERE, ED--

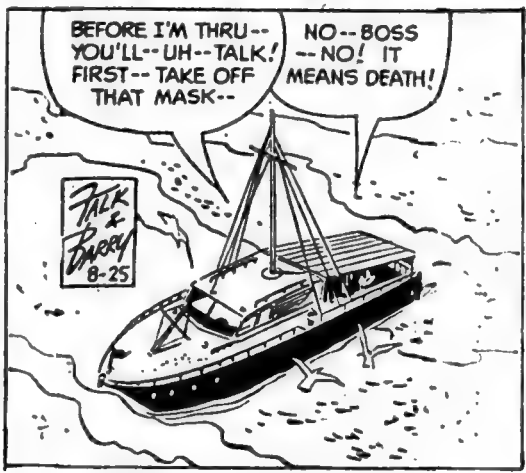
ARE YOU THE SAME GUY THAT BEAT UP MY BOYS--AND LEFT THAT MARK ON THEM?
IT'S HIM! LOOK --BOSS-- ON HIS HAND--

TALK & BARRY 8-24

WHAT'S THIS SKULL-MARK BIT?!
DON'T STAND LIKE A DUMMY! WHEN I ASK QUESTIONS, MEN ANSWER! TALK!


WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

"COLD VOICE OF ANGRY PHANTOM FREEZES BLOOD"-- OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
UH--THIS SKULL THING-- AND THE MASK-- AND WHAT'S YOUR RACKET-- UH--UH--


BEFORE I'M THRU-- YOU'LL--UH--TALK! FIRST--TAKE OFF THAT MASK--
NO--BOSS --NO! IT MEANS DEATH!
TALK & BARRY 8-25

DO NOT TAKE OFF THE MASK! IT IS WRITTEN--"HE WHO LOOKS UPON THE PHANTOM'S FACE DIES--HORRIBLY--"

FIRE IN THE STOMACH--FLESH FALLS FROM THE BONES--UH--
SHUT UP--YOU BLABBERING IDIOT--!

ED--TAKE THAT MASK OFF HIS FACE!
ME?

ALL THAT STUFF HE SAID--IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
ARE YOU SURE?
TALK & BARRY 8-27

TAKE OFF THAT MASK!
FLESH FALLS FROM YOUR BONES--FIRE IN YOUR STOMACH--MY STOMACH DOES FEEL A LITTLE --WARM--

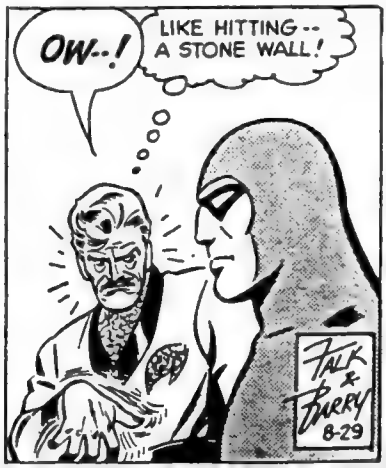
AW--I DON'T CARE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. I MEAN--WHO CARES?
YOU YELLOW--

I'M NOT AFRAID OF THIS VOODOO NONSENSE!
ARE YOU SURE?
AGAIN, THE DEEP, COLD VOICE THAT "FREEZES THE BLOOD."
TALK & BARRY 8-28

TO SHOW YOU ALL HOW SILLY THIS IS--BABY--YOU TAKE OFF HIS MASK!

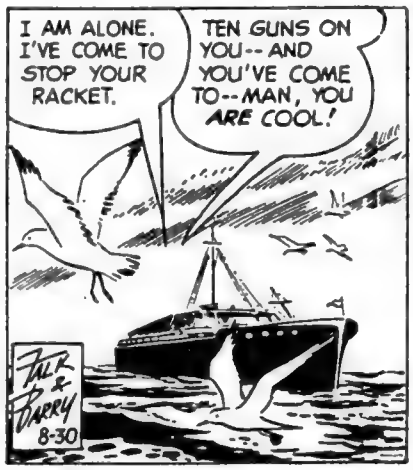
ME? I DON'T WANT THE FLESH TO DROP OFF MY BONES!
YOU JOKE! IT IS TRUE!

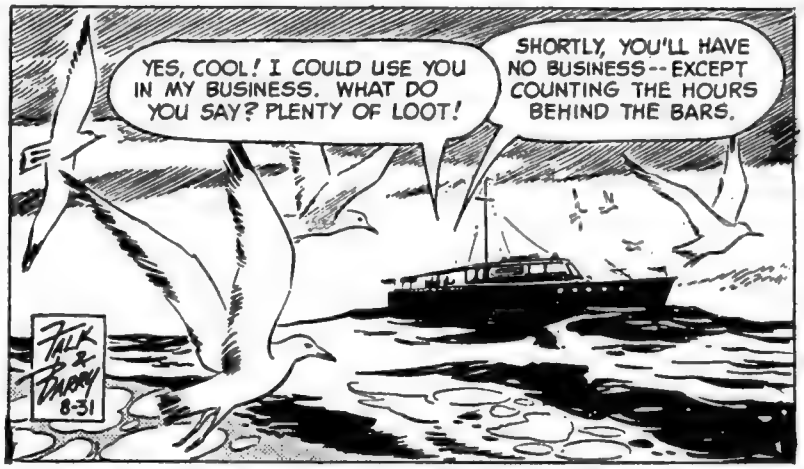
IDIOTS--LISTENING TO THAT BABBLING COOK AND HIS JUNGLE NONSENSE--
WE'LL SEE--YOU-!


OW--!
LIKE HITTING--A STONE WALL!
TALK & BARRY 8-29

MY HAND! ARE YOU MADE OUT OF CONCRETE?
BOSS--THIS SPOOK MAKES US BOYS NERVOUS. LET'S DUMP HIM OVER, FAST!
HE'S SO STRONG!

NOT BEFORE I FIND OUT ABOUT HIM. THE MERCHANTS HIRED YOU. YOU'RE PART OF A GOON GANG!
NO ONE HIRED ME.


I AM ALONE. I'VE COME TO STOP YOUR RACKET.
TEN GUNS ON YOU--AND YOU'VE COME TO--MAN, YOU ARE COOL!
TALK & BARRY 8-30

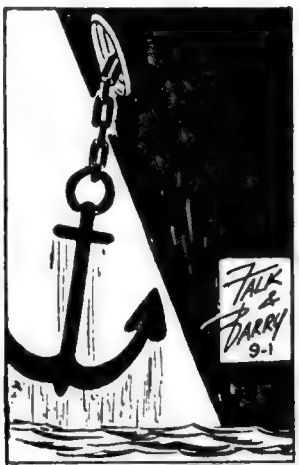

YES, COOL! I COULD USE YOU IN MY BUSINESS. WHAT DO YOU SAY? PLENTY OF LOOT!
SHORTLY, YOU'LL HAVE NO BUSINESS--EXCEPT COUNTING THE HOURS BEHIND THE BARS.
TALK & BARRY 8-31

HE KILLS ME--THIS ONE. MAKES THREATS WITH ONE FOOT IN THE GRAVE.
OH, WELL--GET SOME HEAVY ROPE!

WE'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME. SO HE WON'T TALK. OKAY--TIE HIM UP--
THEN DUMP HIM INTO THE DEEP, BLUE SEA!

SAY, THIS GUY'S AS HARD AS NAILS!
AS THEY TIE HIM THE PHANTOM'S MUSCLES SWELL--

MAYBE THE SHARKS'LL BREAK THEIR TEETH ON HIM.
OKAY, STRONG MAN, YOU TRIED--GOOD TRY. PULL UP THAT ANCHOR CHAIN, MATT.


TALK & BARRY 9-1

TIE HIM TO THE ANCHOR--THEN TOSS HIM TO THE BOTTOM!
POPSY!

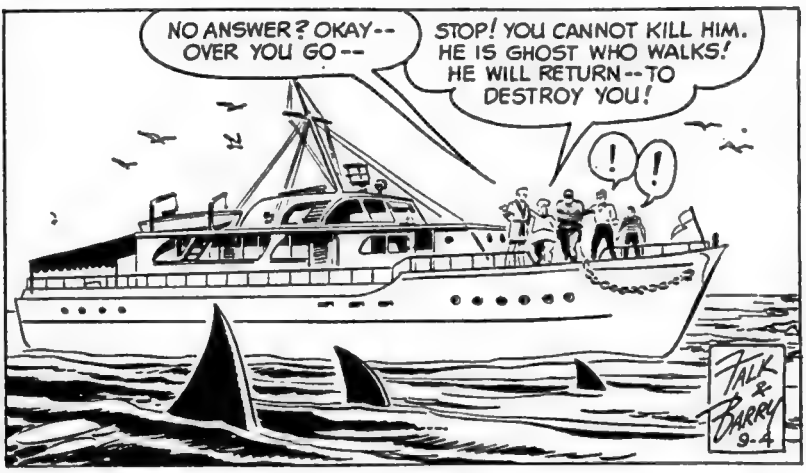
THE PHANTOM STANDS RIGIDLY--MUSCLES EXPANDED--
A GOOD JOB. HOUDINI COULDN'T GET OUT OF THOSE ROPES.
POPSY, DON'T DO THIS! JUST LOCK HIM UP WITHOUT--ER--FOOD--HE'LL TALK--

NO, BABY. HE MAKES ME NERVOUS. HE MAKES THE BOYS NERVOUS. GO TO YOUR CABIN--

LAST CHANCE, MYSTERY MAN. WANT TO JOIN UP WITH US?
NO!
TALK & BARRY 9-3

I'M A BUSINESSMAN, NOT A KILLER. BE SENSIBLE--WE CAN USE A MUSCLE MAN LIKE YOU--
BUSINESSMAN? YOU'RE A VICIOUS RACKETEER.

I'M BEING PATIENT! SEE THE SHARKS IN THE WATER? THEY WAIT FOR THE GARBAGE--AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT GOES OVERBOARD!


NO ANSWER? OKAY--OVER YOU GO--
STOP! YOU CANNOT KILL HIM. HE IS GHOST WHO WALKS! HE WILL RETURN--TO DESTROY YOU!
! !
TALK & BARRY 9-4

STOP THAT JUNGLE JABBER. BACK TO YOUR GALLEY, OR WE'LL TOSS YOU TO THE SHARKS, TOO!
MAN-WHO-CANNOT-DIE--

MUSCLES EXPANDED--THE PHANTOM STANDS RIGIDLY--
HEAVE HIM OVER!
WE'RE TRYING, BOSS. HE MUST WEIGH A TON!

DON'T BOTHER. I'LL GO BY MYSELF.
?
!
TALK & BARRY 9-5

TALK & BARRY 9-6

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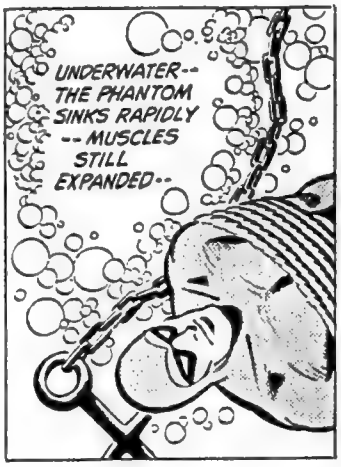
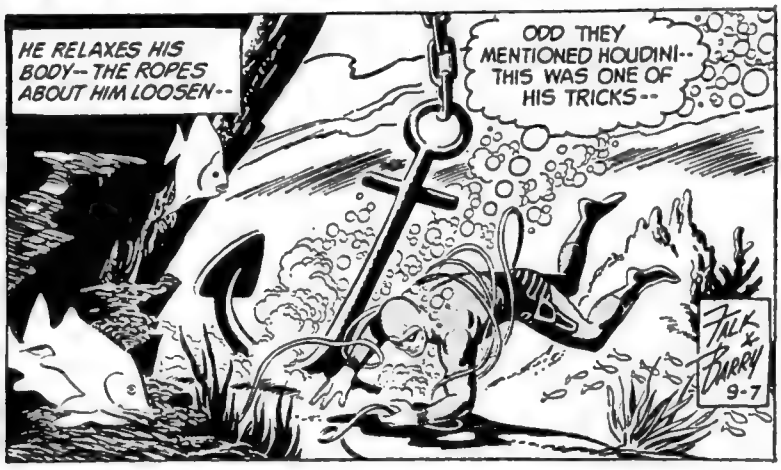
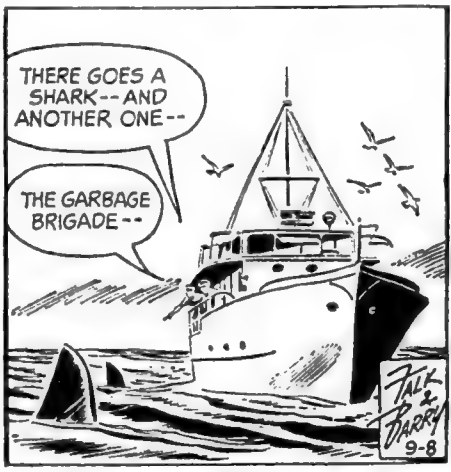
!

HE WENT OVER-- BY HIMSELF--
HE MUST'VE BEEN-- A LOONEY--!

AIR BUBBLES-- STILL ALIVE!
NOT FOR LONG. I TOLD YOU, HOUDINI* HIMSELF COULDN'T GET OUT OF THOSE ROPES--
*HOUDINI—A FAMOUS ESCAPE-ARTIST--


UNDERWATER-- THE PHANTOM SINKS RAPIDLY --MUSCLES STILL EXPANDED--

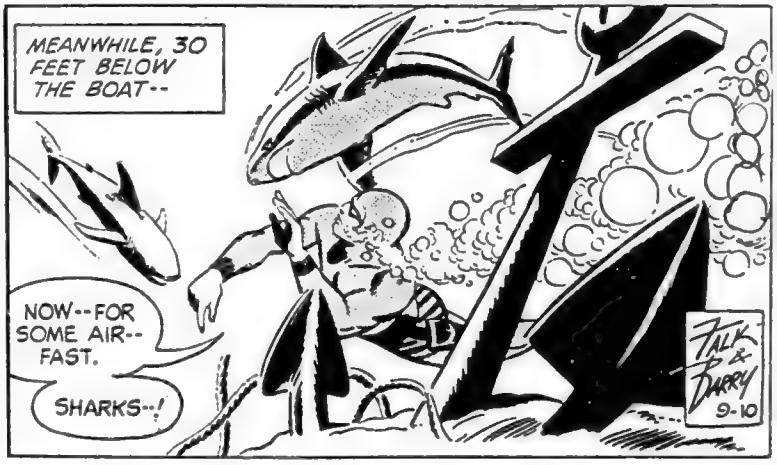

HE RELAXES HIS BODY-- THE ROPES ABOUT HIM LOOSEN--
ODD THEY MENTIONED HOUDINI-- THIS WAS ONE OF HIS TRICKS--
TALK & BARRY 9-7


THERE GOES A SHARK-- AND ANOTHER ONE--
THE GARBAGE BRIGADE--
TALK & BARRY 9-8

GET AWAY FROM THE RAILING, YOU GHOULS. THE JOB'S FINISHED. BACK TO BUSINESS.

UNDERWATER, AS THE PHANTOM HURRIEDLY WRIGGLES OUT OF THE LOOSENED ROPES--

IT WAS AWFUL. (SOB)
I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN YOUR CABIN, LOTTIE. NOTHING FOR A WOMAN TO SEE--


MEANWHILE, 30 FEET BELOW THE BOAT--
NOW--FOR SOME AIR--FAST.
SHARKS--!
TALK & DARRY 9-10

NOTHING FOR ANYONE TO SEE! WHY DID YOU DO IT?
WE HAVE A GOOD DEAL GOING HERE. HE WOULD HAVE RUINED IT--

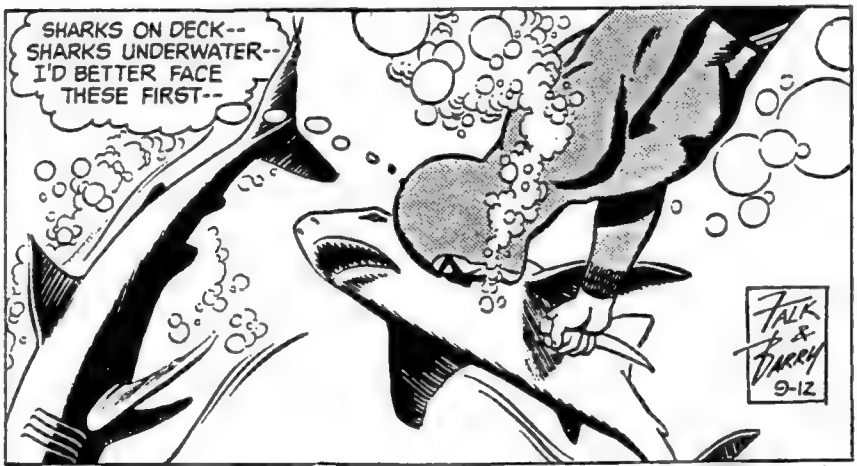
THE PHANTOM RACES TO THE SURFACE... HIS AIR EXHAUSTED...

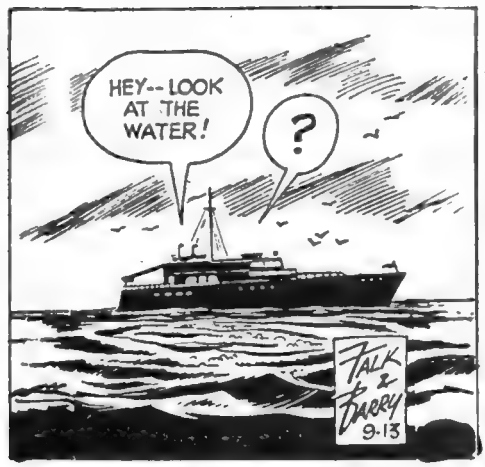
--AND FILLS HIS LUNGS--
AH--

--WITH THE "GARBAGE BRIGADE" HOT ON HIS TRAIL--TWO 12-FOOT SHARKS!
TALK & DARRY 9-11

THOSE SKULL MARKS AND COOKIE'S JUNGLE TALK ABOUT A GHOST PANICKED THE BOYS--I HAD TO DO IT--
GO AWAY!

THE PHANTOM TAKES A SMALL THICK KNIFE FROM HIS BOOT--


SHARKS ON DECK--SHARKS UNDERWATER--I'D BETTER FACE THESE FIRST--
TALK & DARRY 9-12


HEY--LOOK AT THE WATER!
?
TALK & DARRY 9-13

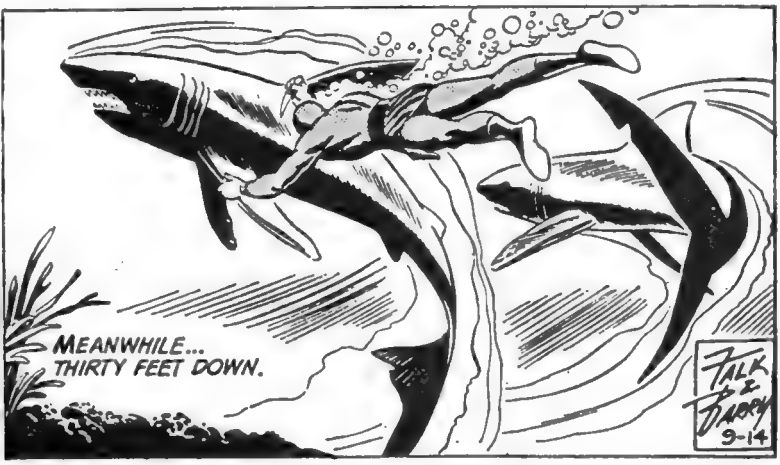
ALL--CHURNED UP. UH--WHAT IS IT?
THE SHARKS--HAVING LUNCH--

UHHH--
MISS LOTTIE--

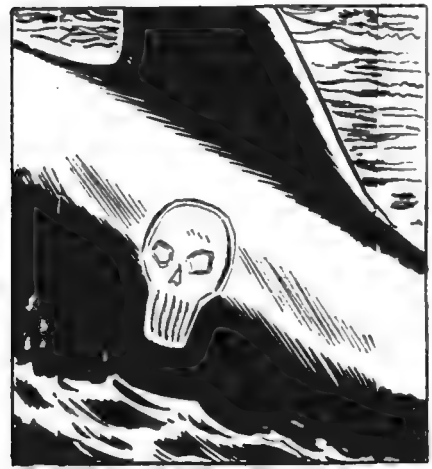
LOTTIE! BLAST—I TOLD HER TO STAY IN HER CABIN!
YOU CAN'T SEE NOTHING, BOSS. JUST FOAM!

TAKE THIS, BABY. I TOLD YOU GHOULS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE RAILING.
YOU COULDN'T SEE A THING, BOSS--JUST FOAM.

THE MAN'S DEAD--WHOEVER HE WAS. NOBODY LIKED DOING IT--IT HAD TO BE DONE--


MEANWHILE... THIRTY FEET DOWN.
TALK & DARRY 9-14

HEY, BOSS-- SOMETHING COMING TO THE SURFACE --DEAD SHARKS!!
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!
TALK & DARRY 9-15



THOSE TWO SHARKS --WENT DOWN--TO GET HIM!
DEATH'S-HEADS--HIS MARK!

WHAT IS IT?

THOSE SHARKS --WENT DOWN TO GET HIM-- HE GOT THEM!
HIS MARK! HE DID IT-- HE'S A--HOODOO--!

POPSY--WHAT DOES IT--MEAN?
I TELL YOU HE'S DEAD DOWN THERE AT THE END OF OUR ANCHOR CHAIN!

TALK & BARRY 9-17

THAT MARK ON THE SHARKS --THE SAME AS ON MY JAW! HE DID IT!
BUT--UH-- HOW--IF HE'S DEAD?

GHOST WHO WALKS--CAN NEVER DIE--
SHUT UP WITH THAT TALK!

BOSS, US BOYS WANNA GET OUTA HERE.
LEAVE A MILLION-DOLLAR RACKET? BOYS-- THAT MYSTERY MAN IS DEAD--DOWN THERE AT THE END OF OUR ANCHOR CHAIN--
WE'RE NOT SO SURE--

UNDERWATER-- THE PHANTOM DIVES DEEP--
THEY'LL DECIDE TO PULL UP ANCHOR AND TAKE OFF SOON--

--AND WRAPS THE ANCHOR CHAIN AROUND THE PROPELLER!
TALK & BARRY 9-18

OKAY--PULL UP THE CHAIN... HAVE A LOOK!
LOTTIE—GO TO YOUR CABIN. THIS MAY BE--GRIM.
TALK & BARRY 9-19

THE MOTOR'S ON--BUT THE CHAIN'S NOT MOVING! IT'S STUCK--DOWN THERE!
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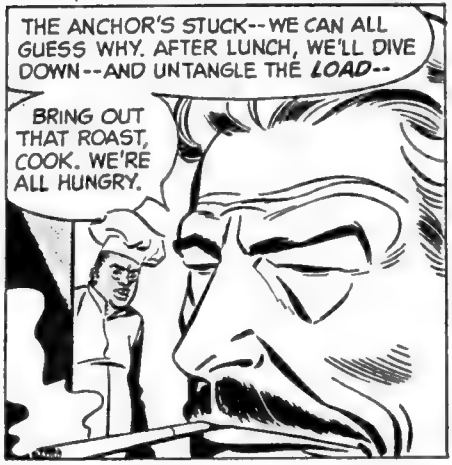
TALK & BARRY 9-20


THE ANCHOR'S STUCK--WE CAN ALL GUESS WHY. AFTER LUNCH, WE'LL DIVE DOWN--AND UNTANGLE THE LOAD--
BRING OUT THAT ROAST, COOK. WE'RE ALL HUNGRY.

OVEN DOOR OPEN? I WAS SURE I LEFT IT SHUT.
RIGHT AFTER THIS MEAL--I'M GETTING OFF THIS BOAT!

OKAY--WE ALL HAD A SCARE--BROUGHT ON BY COOKIE'S JUNGLE JABBER.
YEAH? WHAT ABOUT THOSE SHARKS? WHAT KILLED THEM?
HOW ABOUT THE MARK ON THEM?
TALK & BARRY 9-21

THEY KILLED EACH OTHER--FIGHTING OVER FOOD--HIM!
WE IMAGINED THEIR WOUNDS WERE DEATH'S HEADS--WE'VE GOT THAT MARK ON THE BRAIN--

THE DEATH'S HEAD--
ON THE ROAST!
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YOU PUT THAT MARK ON THE ROAST, COOKIE!
NO--NO--DIDN'T SEE IT--HONEST--!
TALK & BARRY 9-22

DEAD OR ALIVE--HE IS ON THIS BOAT!

THAT MARK--ON THE ROAST--
LET'S GET OUTA HERE!
WAIT! COOKIE DID IT--HE'S PART OF THIS JUNGLE VOODOO!

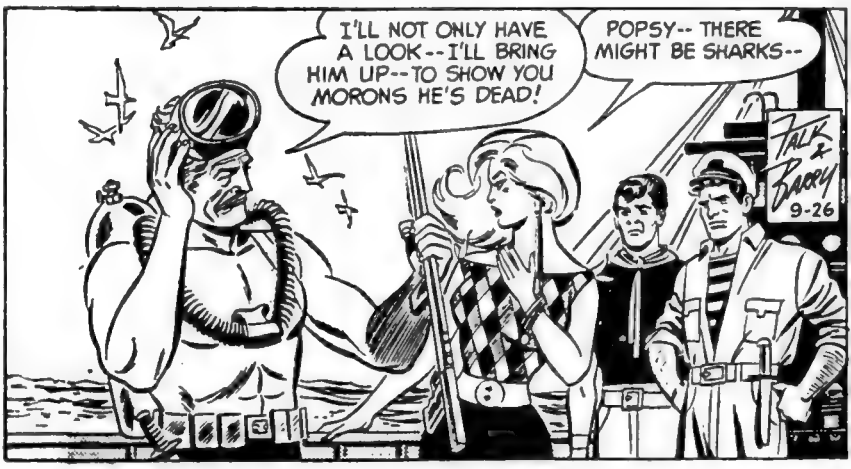
ADMIT IT--OR I'LL--
NO--HONEST--NO--LOOK--THE KNIFE!

THAT KNIFE--WAS IN YOUR CABINET! I DIDN'T COME NEAR IT!
!!
TALK & BARRY 9-24

SOMEBODY ON THIS SHIP IS HAVING FUN! THE PHANTOM'S DEAD--AT THE END OF OUR ANCHOR CHAIN!
TALK & BARRY 9-25

MIKE--DIVE DOWN--HAVE A LOOK--PROVE IT!
ME? ARE YOU OFF YOUR ROCKER?

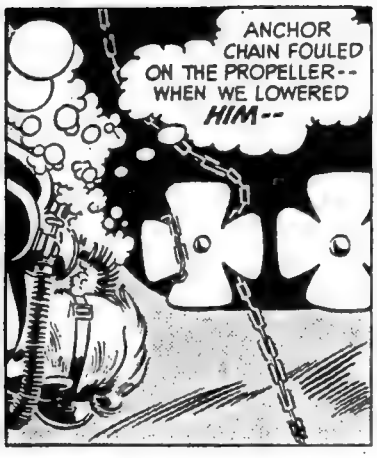
ME NEITHER!
YOU'RE ALL YELLOW-LIVERED COWARDS! I'LL DO IT!


I'LL NOT ONLY HAVE A LOOK--I'LL BRING HIM UP--TO SHOW YOU MORONS HE'S DEAD!
POPSY--THERE MIGHT BE SHARKS--
TALK & BARRY 9-26

NO, POPSY!
I'LL END THIS NONSENSE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

I'VE GOT MY SPEAR-GUN--I WON'T BE LONG--

ANCHOR CHAIN WRAPPED AROUND THE PROPELLER? HOW--?


ANCHOR CHAIN FOULED ON THE PROPELLER-- WHEN WE LOWERED HIM--

NOT HERE! BUT HE WAS --TIED! DID THE SHARKS --GET ALL OF HIM--?

SOMETHING MOVING ABOVE ME-- SHARK--?
NO--IT'S --IT'S--
TALK & BARRY 9-27

FOR A MOMENT, HE'S STUNNED BY THE SIGHT OF THE MAN HE THOUGHT DEAD...
TALK & BARRY 9-28

--THEN RAISES HIS SPEARGUN TO FIRE--

--BUT TOO LATE!

CAN'T SEE ANYTHING DOWN THERE.
LOTTIE--IF THE BOSS COMES UP WITH HIM-- IT WON'T BE PRETTY. YOU'D BETTER LEAVE NOW--
I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE!

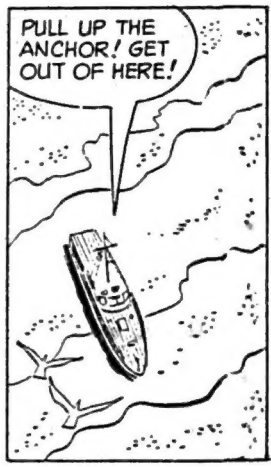
HERE COMES-- SOMETHING--
TALK & BARRY 9-29

THE BOSS'S-- OXYGEN TANK-- AND MASK!

POPSY!
THE BOSS'S OXYGEN TANK--AND MASK--!
SOMETHING--GOT HIM--DOWN THERE--!
TALK & BARRY 10-1

I'M GOING--AFTER HIM!
NO, LOTTIE!
GET THIS TUB STARTED! MOVE OUT OF HERE!

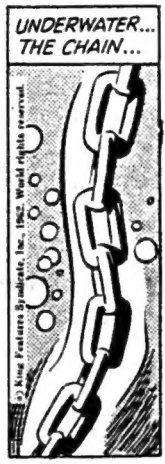
I WANT TO GO TO POPSY!
NO, LOTTIE! START THE MOTOR!
TALK & BARRY 10-2


PULL UP THE ANCHOR! GET OUT OF HERE!

THE TOUGH RACKETEERS ARE FRANTIC--
DOESN'T WORK!
--THE ANCHOR CHAIN WAS STUCK--REMEMBER!

--WITH TERROR OF THE UNKNOWN!
WE DON'T NEED AN ANCHOR! ALL WE NEED IS--OUT!

THE ANCHOR CHAIN'S CUT! START THE MOTOR!


UNDERWATER... THE CHAIN...
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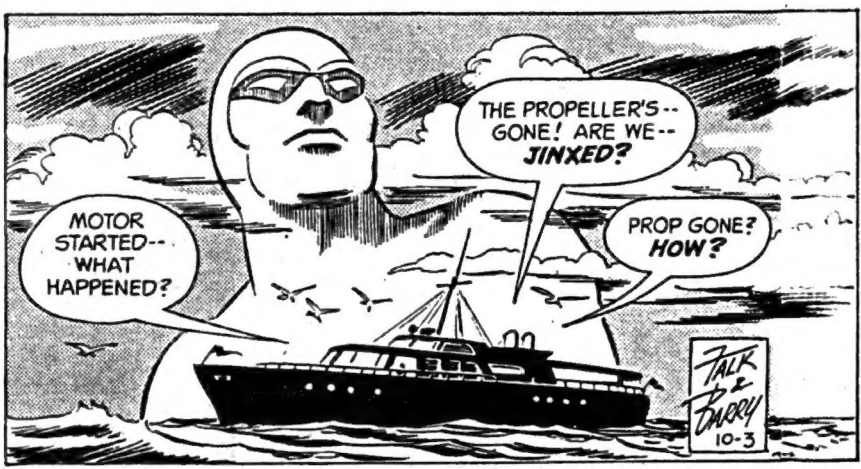
...WRAPPED ABOUT THE PROPELLER BY THE PHANTOM--CAUSES THE BLADES TO--

SNAP!


MOTOR STARTED--WHAT HAPPENED?
THE PROPELLER'S--GONE! ARE WE--JINXED?
PROP GONE? HOW?
TALK & BARRY 10-3

HOW--DID THE PROPELLER BREAK?
WHO KNOWS?--WE COULD GO DOWN--PUT ON ANOTHER ONE--
WHO COULD? YOU WANT TO GO? SOMETHING'S DOWN THERE--
TALK & BARRY 10-4

--THEIR NERVES ARE FRAYED ENOUGH--
IT GOT THOSE SHARKS--
IT GOT THE BOSS--IT FOULED THAT PROP--

--WITHOUT A SCREAMING GIRL!
LOTTIE--SHE'S SEEN SOMETHING IN THERE!
POPSY!
EEEEEEEEEKK!
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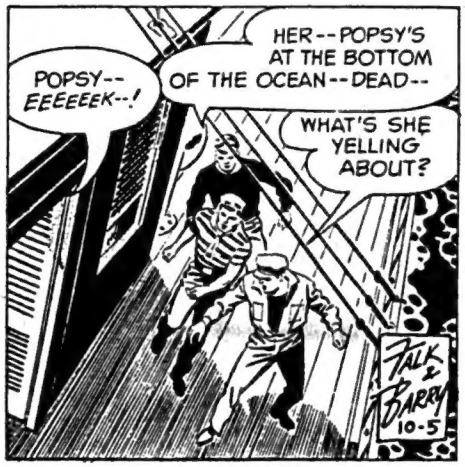
POPSY--EEEEEEK--!
HER--POPSY'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN--DEAD--
WHAT'S SHE YELLING ABOUT?
TALK & BARRY 10-5

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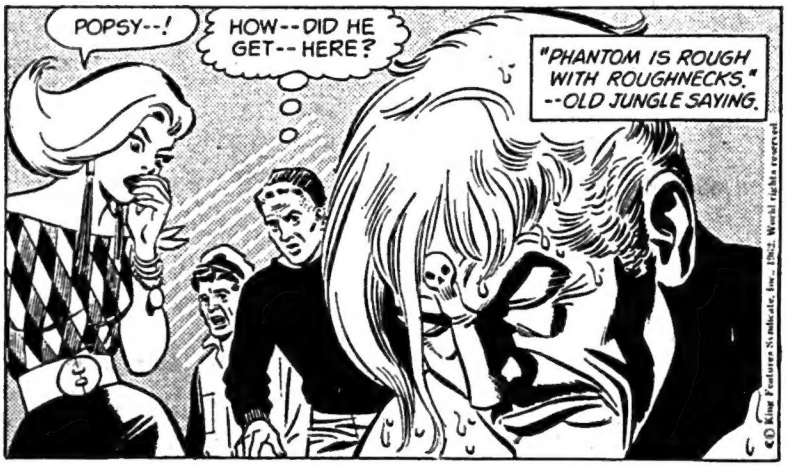
POPSY--!
HOW--DID HE GET--HERE?
"PHANTOM IS ROUGH WITH ROUGHNECKS." --OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
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BUT--HE'S AT THE OCEAN BOTTOM--WE SAW HIS TANK--

HOW'D HE GET HERE?
SKULL MARK--ON HIS FOREHEAD!
GHOST WHO WALKS--!
TALK & BARRY 10-6

IN THE JUNGLE IT'S SAID--PHANTOM'S WAYS ARE SOMETIMES SO STRANGE--
LET'S GET OFF THIS BOAT!

--HE CAN SCARE STRONG MEN ALMOST TO DEATH--WITHOUT HALF TRYING!
CONT'D

POPSY--
BREATHING--!

THE "WHARF RATS" -- DESERTING A DOOMED SHIP!
THERE IT GOES.
WAIT-- HE'S BREATHING-- HE'S ALIVE!
TALK & BARRY 10-8

WAIT UNTIL WE GET THE BOAT INTO THE WATER!
HURRY IT UP!
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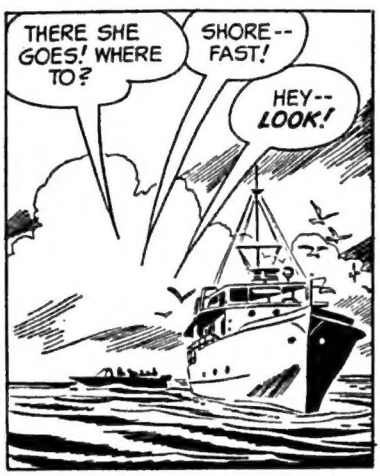
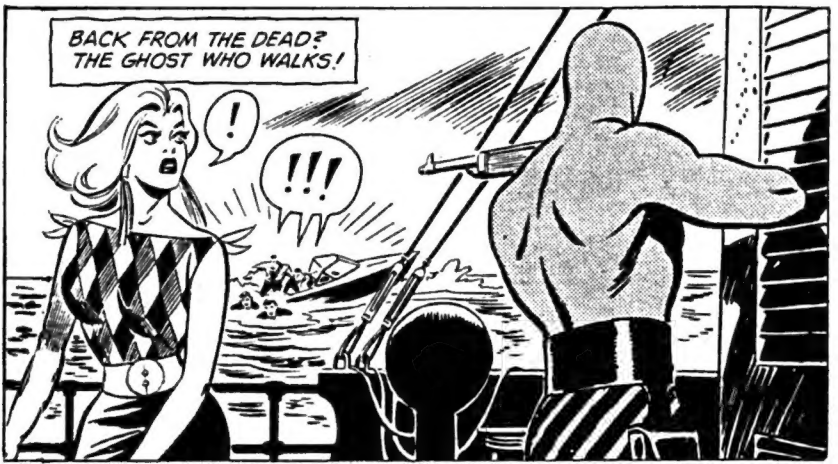
COME BACK! POPSY'S ALIVE-- HE'S BREATHING!
DON'T LISTEN TO HER-- SHE'S HYSTERICAL!
THAT TUB'S HAUNTED! GET MOVING!
WAIT FOR ME!
TALK & BARRY 10-9


THERE SHE GOES! WHERE TO?
SHORE-- FAST!
HEY-- LOOK!

HEY--THE BOAT'S LEAKING--HOLES-- IN THE BOTTOM!

THE BOAT'S-- GOT HOLES IN IT! IT'S LEAKING--SINKING!
NOT HOLES-- SOMEBODY-- TOOK OUT THE PLUGS! LOOK--
TALK & BARRY 10-10


BACK FROM THE DEAD? THE GHOST WHO WALKS!
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COME BACK ABOARD--OR I'LL SINK YOU ONE AT A TIME! AND LET THE SHARKS FINISH YOU!
TALK & BARRY 10-11

GET IN THERE.

TEN DRIPPING-WET RACKETEERS --SCARED HALF TO DEATH!

GOT A RADIO MESSAGE TO COME TO A YACHT OFFSHORE. ASKED ME TO BRING YOU ALONG, PETERS..
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THERE'S THE YACHT. WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, PETERS?
I'M NOT SURE, CHIEF.

THE RACKET MOB, PETERS--THEY TERRORIZED THE MERCHANTS FOR PROTECTION MONEY, CHIEF--
ALL YOURS--WITH A CONFESSION--
WHAT'D HE DO? THEY LOOK SCARED TO DEATH!
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TALK & BARRY 10-12

ALONG THE WHARF--
BACK TO YOUR REGULAR PRICES, EH?
YEAH--THANKS TO YOUR JUNGLE FRIEND--
TALK & BARRY 10-13

--AND IN THE JUNGLE, ALL IS PEACEFUL AGAIN.
HERE YOU ARE, SONNY. TWO BOLTS FOR ONE GOAT.

BOSS--WE KILLED HIM--BUT HE CAME BACK--HOW?
I'LL NEVER KNOW--
GHOST WHO WALKS--MAN WHO NEVER DIES--

NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE